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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following documents were cited in the specification of the above-identified application on pages 2, 3 and 12:

U.S. Patent No. 5,912,051;

U.S. Patent No. 5,863,640;

U.S. Patent No. 6,062,776;

WO 97/20081, which corresponds to 09/077,360, cited below; and

U.S. Patent 5,674,564.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Swedish Office Action issued in connection with the corresponding Swedish application. The Office Action lists WO 97/20081, cited above.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/077,360 and the documents cited therein.

In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (July 1998, page 600-112), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's

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initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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